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ADVANTAGES OF HARVESTING WITH COMBINES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Spring agricultural work in Czechoslovakia has been carried out well and it is now thought that a large harvest will be gathered on JZD (Unified Agricultural Cooperative) lands. The USSR has delivered combines to Czechoslovakia which will help in speeding up the harvest, in reducing the number of workers required, and in increasing the grain yield.

Not only do combines reduce the number of workers required, but they increase the productivity of labor. It takes one man 8 work days to cut grain with a mower machine and then thresh it with a threshing machine, while harvesting with a combine takes one worker only 0.05 of a work day.

Another major advantage of the combine is that it speeds up the harvest, thereby enabling all subsequent field operations to be done well and on time.

Harvesting with a combine is also cheaper. In the usual method of harvesting with a binder; the cost of moving one hectare in a higher-type JZD in the central district is 309 crowns: the cost of threshing one hectare in this district, the yield being approximately 25 quintals, is 475 crowns; and twine consumed on one hectare amounts to 240 crowns making the total for one hectare 1,024 crowns. This figure does not include extra labor required for shocking, for hauling, and for threshing.

In harvesting one hectare of land with a combine, a central district JZD spends 869 crowns. If the combine operator is a JZD member, this amount is decreased to 852 crowns (for mowing and threshing).

The combine may be used to harvest sunflowers, corn, grass seed, rice, etc.

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